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Dear Ed:

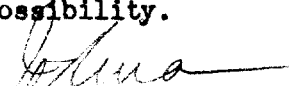
We received the final printed program from Gaebler while we were still (procrastinatingly) thinking about it, but didn't have much to add in any case. While, on the one hand, it was indispensable to add these names to the discussion, I am afraid that inevitably the time gets to be stretched too thin. It is very doubtful that the speakers will be able, not to mention sincerely willing, to stay within the allotments. The symposium as a whole is, I suppose just too ambitious-- but I have been a wet blanket before on such matters. If it turns out that the final gap is drastically cut or eliminated, I certainly will not be displeased, so perhaps my most useful function will be a sort of a time buffer.

I am afraid that your Spring quarter, as it now stands, (April-June) would not be the most convenient for us in 1956, and if possible, we would much rather schedule a visit for February-March-April, so that we can get back in May. If this is too incongruent with your own schedules, perhaps we should defer the visit until we can get in phase, in the fall or in 1957. Would the three months just mentioned be feasible for you? Are other obstacles (e.g. housing) likely to be too difficult?

As to finances, I think I can look to the Research Committee for leave at my own salary. The research grants are not transferable: the problem is not the donors, but the fact that the University of Wisconsin is administering them and it would take special action for the Regents to pay a salary at another institution. This would possibly be more troublesome than looking for alternative support directly through you. If you can raise \$400 per month for Esther, we could make the trip without financial loss or benefit. The terms of my leave support would probably preclude any extensive teaching, as would the irregular interval of the visit. But I would suggest that I could give, say, one lecture a week (= a series of seminars if you like) on topics of bacterial recombination--sexuality, transduction and lysogeny (with Esther too if she's not too busy.)

Probably it would be better to start an application here as soon as possible, rather than wait to talk at Washington or Detroit, so I would appreciate hearing your reaction to the scheme indicated, namely a visit in Febr-April; my salary from WARF; Esther's from your department or other sources on your own application; I would give a weekly lecture or seminar; and we would work together on the properties and uses of hyphal bits. If this scheme doesn't suit you, we can talk about alternatives at Detroit.

Are you flying to Washington, perhaps on Oct. 27 for NSF meetings? If so, it would be a rare opportunity to talk together if we could converge our flights from Chicago, or is this too far out of the way; I haven't quite decided how and when to get back to Detroit, but that trip might be another possibility.



UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

1955

AUTUMN QUARTER

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| Sept. | 26-27 | Monday-Tuesday | Registration for Autumn Quarter |
| Sept. | 28 | Wednesday | Instruction begins |
| Sept. | 30 | Friday | Conferring of Degrees |
| Oct. | 2 | Sunday | Matriculation Sunday |
| Nov. | 24-27 | Thursday-Sunday | Thanksgiving Recess |
| Dec. | 12-16 | Monday-Friday | End-Quarter Examinations |

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WINTER QUARTER

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| Jan. | 3 | Tuesday | Registration for Winter Quarter |
| Jan. | 4 | Wednesday | Instruction begins |
| Jan. | 6 | Friday | Conferring of Degrees |
| Feb. | 22 | Wednesday | Washington's Birthday (Holiday) |
| Mar. | 9 | Friday | Founders' Day |
| Mar. | 19-23 | Monday-Friday | End-Quarter Examinations |

SPRING QUARTER

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| April | 2 | Monday | Registration for Spring Quarter |
| April | 3 | Tuesday | Instruction begins |
| April | 6 | Friday | Conferring of Degrees |
| June | 8-13 | Friday-Wednesday | End-Quarter Examinations |
| June | 16 | Saturday | Senior Class Day |
| June | 17 | Sunday | Baccalaureate Sunday |
| June | 17 | Sunday | Commencement |

SUMMER QUARTER

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| June | 25 | Monday | Registration for Summer Quarter |
| June | 26 | Tuesday | Instruction begins |
| July | 4 | Wednesday | Independence Day (Holiday) |
| Aug. | 17-18 | Friday-Saturday | Eight-Week Term Examinations |
| Aug. | 18 | Saturday | Eight-Week Term closes |
| Sept. | 4 | Tuesday | Quarter closes |